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LOK SABHA

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INCENTIVES TO COTTON GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently announced some incentives to the cotton growers for upgradation in cotton manufacturing technology; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. In order to improve the production, yield and the quality of cotton, the Government of India has launched the implementation of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Technology Mission on Cotton in February, 2000.

The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is responsible for enhancing production and productivity through the modification of on-going Scheme of Intensive Cotton Development Programme. The Intensive Cotton Development Programme under Technology Mission on Cotton envisages enhancement of production and productivity of cotton by providing incentives through various extension/developmental activities such as transfer of technologies by field demonstration/farmers training, supply of certified seeds of varieties released during last fifteen years, use of water saving devices like sprinkler and drip systems, establishment of seed delinting machines and various activities of pest control including setting up of bio-agent units, pest surveillance, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and demonstration-cum-training supply of sprayers/pheromone trap/bio-agents.